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June 10, 2019

Dear Ms. Linda Fonteyne,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Letter of Protest/Comments to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your Letter of Protest/Comments will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at <a href="https://www.psc.sc.gov">www.psc.sc.gov</a>.

 <u>Docket No. 2018-358-WS</u> - Verified Application of Carolina Water Service, Incorporated for Approval of Annual Rate Adjustment Mechanisms and Petition for an Accounting Order to Defer Expenses

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According to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, filing a Protest does not make you a Party of Record. A Protestant desiring to become an Intervenor (i.e., a Party of Record) in a proceeding before the Commission may file a Petition for Intervention within the time prescribed by the Commission.

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<u>Docket No. 2018-358-WS</u> - Verified Application of Carolina Water Service, Incorporated for Approval of Annual Rate Adjustment Mechanisms and Petition for an Accounting Order to Defer Expenses - <a href="https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/116911">https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/116911</a>

If we may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely, Becky Latimer Clerk's Office/Administrative Coordinator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 803-896-5100

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## Latimer, Becky

From: Fonteyne, Linda-

**Sent:** Friday, June 7, 2019 4:12 PM

To: PSC\_Contact

Subject: [External] Letter of Protest - Docket No. 2018-358-WS

Dear Sir(s)/Madam(s),

I live in Harper's Mill townhomes in Lake Wylie, York County, South Carolina. I am writing to you with extreme concern over the Blue Granite Water Co.'s proposed rate hike – once AGAIN!! Our rates were just increased about 20% within the last year, so this is completely preposterous. It is unfathomable that another 20% rate increase would even be remotely considered, no less a new 'Annual Rate Adjustment Mechanism.' There are many residence in the York County / Lake Wylie area that have a fixed / limited income and we already pay an average of \$100 per month for our water service. This is unacceptable. The rate adjustment mechanism is also totally absurd. This company bought out the previous water company and then hiked our rates to pay for infrastructure improvements. So we suffer because of poor planning on the part of the previous water company's lack of accountability and the local county planning commission's poor planning of community expansion. This is not fare – nor acceptable.

I join the residents of York County and Lake Wylie, SC in protesting this ridiculous proposed rate increase and absurd ARA mechanism. This should not be permitted.

Please don't let this happen!!

Kind regards, Linda

Linda Fonteyne